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SUBJECT: PERMREPS LUNCH, OCTOBER 1-KISSINGER-GROMYKO TALKS,
CSCE/MBFR LINKAGE, MBFR AND AIR MANPOWER

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1. KISSINGER-GROMYKO TALKS. MCAULIFFE DREW FULLY ON STATE 213648
IN INFORMING THE ALLIES AT THE OCTOBER 1 PERMREPS LUNCH OF THE
SECRETARY'S CONVERSATIONS ON SEPTEMBER 20 AND 24 WITH SOVIET FONMIN
GROMYKO. HE NOTED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD RECENTLY SET
OCTOBER 22 AS THE DATE FOR HIS VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION, AND ADDED
THAT A PRESS RELEASE WAS SCHEDULED TO BE ISSUED IN WASHINGTON AT
12 NOON, WASHINGTON TIME, OCTOBER 1.

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2. CSCE/MBFR LINKAGE. REFERRING TO GROMYKO'S REMARKS TO THE SECRETARY AND DRAWING ON STATE 214661(NOTAL), MCAULIFFE PROPOSED THAT THE ALLIES CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF A POSSIBLE "REVERSE LINKAGE" BETWEEN THE CSCE AND MBFR NEGOTIATIONS, AND ADDED THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS THIS ISSUE IN GREATER DETAIL IN THE OCTOBER 2 NAC MEETING. MCAULIFFE SAID THAT UNITED STATES HAS AN OPEN MIND ON THIS ISSUE BUT BELIEVES THAT A FULL AND FRANK ALLIES DISCUSSION--BEGINNING IN THE NATO SENIOR POLITICAL COMMITTEE--SHOULD BE A MATTER OF EARLY ATTENTION. HE HOPED, THEREFORE, THAT ALLIES WOULD SOON BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THIS SUBJECT UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR CAPITALS.

3. MBFR AND AIR MANPOWER. DRAWING ON STATE 211141 AND 214580, MCAULIFFE SAID THE US BELIEVED THAT THE ALLIES SHOULD CONTINUE PURSU
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OF IMPORTANT OBJECTIVES IN MBFR AND SHOULD THEREFORE CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD IN DEVELOPING THEIR POSITIONS SO THAT THE FOCUS OF NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA WILL REMAIN ON THE ALLIED POSITION.

4. WHEN CURRENT VIENNA DISCUSSIONS ON PHASE LINKAGE ARE CONCLUDED, MCAULIFFE SAID IT WAS PROBABLE THAT THE AHG WOULD EXPLORE A POSSIBLE REDEFINITION OF GROUND FORCES ALONG THE LINES OF THE DRAFT GUIDANCE NOW BEFORE THE COUNCIL. AN EASTERN RESPONSE RENEWING THE CALL FOR THE INCLUSION OF AIR ELEMENTS COULD THEN BE EXPECTED. AS A CONSEQUENCE, THE US PROPOSES THAT THE ALLIES DISCUSS WITH THE EAST THE ROLE OF AIR MANPOWER IN THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS. THE ALLIES MIGHT FOR EXAMPLE CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE AHG TO DISCUSS THE INCLUSION OF AIR MANPOWER IN THE PROPOSED NON-INCREASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PHASES; TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF WITHDRAWING UP TO 15 PERCENT OF US AND SOVIET AIR MANPOWER IN PHASE I, AND TO DISCUSS INCLUSION OF AIR MANPOWER WITHIN A MANPOWER COMMON CEILING PROVIDED THE WARSAW PACT COULD AGREE TO THE COMMON CEILING CONCEPT. MCAULIFFE RECALLED THAT ON JULY 23 THE AHG HAD REQUESTED NAC GUIDANCE ON THIS ISSUE. HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD ALSO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION IN GREATER DETAIL AT THE OCTOBER 2 COUNCIL MEETING.
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